Please type a plus sign (+) Inside this box

Ptease type a plus sign (+) inside this box

+ Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid CMB control number. Complete If Known Substitute for form 1449A/PTO **Application Number** 09/913,984 **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE** Filing Date 22 October 2001 First Named Inventor STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Romeo Bucher, et al. Group Art Unit Not Yet Available (use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** Not Yet Available **Attorney Docket Number** Sheet 2821-211WOUS

				U.S. PATENT DOCU	MENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	U.S. Patent Document Kind Code² (# Inown)		Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
		6,031,199		Ream, et al.	02/29//00			
					•			
			\cdot					
				·				
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
						<u> </u>		
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
					- 	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
					 			
					-	·		
					 			
		~~·			 	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	•			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				

				FOR	EIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS	5		
Examiner Initials*	Cita No.1	Office	Foreign Patent Do Number4	oument Kind Code ^s (# known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	10
SKI		FR	2.196.218		Goeppner Kalserstautern	03/15/74		
00		1	•					
					·			
		Ц.						
				<u> </u>				
					·			1
					<u> </u>			
		.	•		•			

Examiner Signature Qual Q	Date Considered	6	15/05	
---------------------------	--------------------	---	-------	--

*EXAMINER: tritial if reference considered, whether or not obtain is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered, include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹ Unique citation designation number. 2 See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 2 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (MIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the Indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 6 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.